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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT DECLARES FOR CHABAN-DELMAS

1. SUMMARY. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS APRIL 26, FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT SUPPORTED CANDIDACY OF CHABAN-DELMAS AS MEANS OF CONTINUING POMPIDOU'S FOREIGN POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. JOBERT REFERRED TO RECENT POLL (SOFRES POLL APRIL 11 REPORTED IN PARIS 9458) INDICATING THAT 63 PERCENT

OF FRENCH PEOPLE WANT CONTINUATION OF PRESENT FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY. JOBERT NOTED THAT ALL THREE MAJOR CANDIDATES HAVE MADE STATEMENTS APPROVING THIS POLICY. HE ADDED: "IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THIS FOREIGN POLICY, A FEW SACRIFICES WILL BE NECESSARY."

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3. JOBERT INDICATED THAT SINCE HE DOES NOT BELONG TO

ANY POLITICAL PARTY HE FELT FREE TO CHOOSE AMONG THE CANDIDATES. HE DESCRIBED CHABAN, GISCARD AND MITTERRAND AS MEN OF GREAT TALENT. JOBERT PREDICTED A DIFFICULT FUTURE AND SAID HE CHOSE A FORMULA WHICH WOULD "CRYSTALLIZE THE OPPOSITION THE LEAST AND PERMIT AS MANY JUSTIFIABLE ADAPTATIONS AS POSSIBLE." HE SAID HE COULD HAVE ADDED HIS OWN CANDIDACY BUT IT WOULD NOT HAVE SERVED THE COUNTRY. ASKED WHETHER POMPIDOU WOULD HAVE DECLARED IN FAVOR OF CHABAN, JOBERT REFUSED TO SPECULATE.

4. COMMENT. LIKE THE MESSMER ENDORSEMENT APRIL 21, JOBERT'S DECLARATION SEEMS TOO LATE TO HAVE MAXIMUM EFFECT IN HELPING CHABAN'S CANDIDACY.
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